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#### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. This action is responsive to communication: application, filed on 01/08/2002.

#### Election/Restrictions

2. In an interview 4/322/04, Applicant's Attorney Bruce Clay election, without traverse, claims 1-17 and 23 is acknowledged. Claims 7-11, 18-22 and 24 are withdrawn from consideration.

### Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 4-6 and 15-17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art of record fails to teach and/or suggest "receiving data from a server application; determining whether the data is serializable . . . storing the data in a data structure . . . if the data is not serializable . . . ", combined with "receiving argument data form a client . . . retrieving the complex object from the data structure if the argument data is a reference to a complex object."

## Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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5. Claims 1-3, 12-14 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lister et al., US# 2002/0178297 A1.

As per claim 1, Lister et al. teaches "receiving data from a server application" (see page 6, paragraphs [0049]-[0051]) "determining whether the data is serializable" (see page 4, paragraphs [0030] and [0032]) "storing the data in a data structure and forwarding, to a client, a reference to the data structure if the data is not serializable" (see page 4, paragraphs [0030] and [0036]).

As per claims 2-3, Lister et al. teaches "a hash table . . . key . . . " (see page 4, paragraph [0036])).

As per claims 12-14, these claims are rejected on grounds corresponding to the arguments given above for rejected claims 1-3 and are similarly rejected.

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#### Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. US# 2003/0172020 A1.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alford W. Kindred whose telephone number is 703-305-3802. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 9:00 am- 5:00 pm.

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